TOWN OF RUTLAND

COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS

RENEWAL CABLE TELEVISION LICENSE

GRANTED TO

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS ENTERTAINMENT I, LLC

l/k/a

Charter Communications

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CHARTER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

This Franchise Agreement is between the Town of Rutland, hereinafter referred to as the "Issuing Authority" and Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC l/k/a Charter Communications, hereinafter referred to as the "Licensee."

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority of the Town of Rutland, Massachusetts ("Town"), pursuant to Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as inserted by Chapter 1103 of the Acts of 1971, as amended, is authorized to grant one or more non-exclusive, renewal licenses to construct, upgrade, operate and maintain a Cable Television System within the Town of Rutland and

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority finds that the financial, legal and technical ability of the Licensee appears to be sufficient to provide services, facilities and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, both parties agree that this statement shall in no way eliminate, reduce or abridge any of the lawful rights and remedies available to the Town or Licensee in the future, and

WHEREAS, having afforded the public adequate notice and opportunity for comment, Issuing Authority desires to enter into this Franchise with the Licensee for the construction and operation of a cable system on the terms set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Issuing Authority and Licensee have complied with all federal and Statemandated procedural and substantive requirements pertinent to this franchise renewal;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Franchise Authority and Licensee agree as follows:

1 <u>Definition of Terms</u>

1.1 Terms

For the purpose of this franchise the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended from time to time (the "Cable Act"), unless otherwise defined herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

- 1. "Affiliate or Affiliated Person" shall mean another person who owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, such person.
- 2. "Cable Act" shall mean Public Law No. 98-549, 98 Stat. 2779 (1984) (the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984), as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 521, et. seq. by Public Law No. 102-385, 106 Stat. 1460 (1992) (the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act"), as further amended by Public Law No. 104-458, 110 Stat. 110 (1996) (the Telecommunications Act of 1996).
- 3. "Cable System," "Cable Service," "Cable Operator" and "Basic Cable Service" shall be defined as set forth in the Cable Act
- 4. "Cable Division" shall mean the Cable Television Division of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable.
- 5. "Drop or Cable Drop" shall mean the cable that connects each home or building to the feeder line of the Cable System.
- 6. "Effective Date" or "Execution Date shall mean the date when both parties execute the License.
- 7. "FCC" shall mean the Federal Communications Commission and any successor governmental entity thereto
- 8. "Franchise" or "License" shall mean the non-exclusive rights granted pursuant to this franchise to construct and operate a Cable System along the public ways within all or a specified area in the Service Area.
- 9. "Gross Revenue" means any revenue, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, received by the Licensee from the operation of the Cable System to provide Cable Services in the Service Area, provided, however, that such phrase shall not include: (1) any taxes, fee or assessment of general applicability collected by the Licensee from Subscribers for pass-through to a government agency, including the FCC User Fee; (2) un-recovered bad debt; and (3) any Franchise Fee, PEG or I-Net amounts recovered from Subscribers.
- 10. "Installation" shall mean the connection of the Cable System from feeder cable to Subscribers' terminals.
- 11. "Issuing Authority" shall mean the Board of Selectmen of Rutland.
- 12. "Licensee or Franchisee" shall mean Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC l/k/a Charter Communications or its lawful successor, transferee or assignee.
- 13. "License Fee or Franchise Fee" shall mean the payments to be made by the Licensee to the Town of Rutland, which shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 622(g) of the Cable Act and M.G. L. Chapter 166A.
- 14. "PEG" shall mean the acronym for "public, educational and governmental," used in conjunction with Access Channels, support and facilities.

- 15. "PEG Access Channels" shall mean any channel(s) made available for the presentation of PEG Access Programming.
- 16. "Person" shall mean an individual, partnership, association, organization, corporation or any lawful successor, transferee or assignee of said individual, partnership, association, organization or corporation.
- 17. "Public School" shall mean any school at any educational level operated within the Service Area by any public school system, but limited to, elementary, junior/middle high school, and high school.
- 18. "Public Way or Street" shall include each of the following located within the Service Area: public streets, roadways, highways, bridges, land paths, boulevards, avenues, lanes, alleys, sidewalks, circles, drives, easements, rights-of-way and similar public ways and extensions and additions thereto, including but not limited to public utility easements, dedicated utility strips, or rights-of-way dedicated for compatible uses now or hereafter held by the Issuing Authority in the Service Area, which shall entitle the Licensee to the use thereof for the purpose of installing, operating, repairing and maintaining the Cable System..
- 19. "Reasonable notice" shall be written notice addressed to the Licensee or the Town at its principal office or such other office as the Licensee has designated to the Issuing Authority as the address to which notice should be transmitted to it.
- 20. "Renewal License" shall mean the non-exclusive Cable Television Renewal License granted to the Licensee by this instrument.
- 21. "Service Area" shall mean the geographic boundaries of the Franchise Authority, and shall include any additions thereto by annexation or other legal means, subject to the exception in subsection 6.1 hereto.
- 22. "Signal" shall mean any transmission of electromagnetic or optical energy which carries Programming from one location to another.
- 23. "State" shall mean the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 24. "Subscriber" shall mean any person lawfully receiving Cable Service from the Licensee.
- 25. "Town" shall mean the Town of Rutland, Massachusetts.
- 26. "Trunk and Distribution System" shall mean that portion of the Cable System for the delivery of Signals, but not including Drop cables to Subscriber's residences.

2 Grant of Franchise

2.1 Grant

- (a) PURSUANT to the authority of Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (M.G.L. c. 166A) as inserted by Chapter 1103 of the Acts of 1971, as amended, and to federal law, the Board of Selectmen as the Issuing Authority of the Town of Rutland, Massachusetts ("Town"), shall grant a non-exclusive renewal Cable Television License to Charter Communications Entertainment I, L.L.C. ("Licensee") a Delaware Statutory Trust established for such purpose, authorizing and permitting said Licensee to operate a Cable Television System within the corporate limits of the Town of Rutland, Massachusetts. The Renewal License is granted pursuant to Chapter 166A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, and with all rules and regulations of the FCC, the rules and regulations of Cable Division, the Cable Act, as amended, and all other rules and regulations in force and effect upon the date hereof.
- (b) Subject to the terms and conditions herein, the Issuing Authority shall grant to Licensee the right to upgrade, install, operate and maintain a Cable System in, under, over, along, across, through or upon the Public Ways, including streets, lanes, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, highways and other public places under the jurisdiction of the Town of Rutland within the municipal boundaries and subsequent additions thereto, including property over which the Town has an easement or right-of-way, Private Ways and also through public and private easements, which are within the Town, that have been dedicated for compatible uses. In exercising rights pursuant to the Renewal License, Licensee shall not endanger or interfere with the lives of persons or, without prior written permission, unlawfully interfere with any installations of the Town, any public utility serving the Town or any other persons permitted to use public ways and places. Grant of the Renewal License does not establish priority for use over other present or future permit holders or the Town's own use of public ways and places. Disputes between Licensee and other parties regarding use of public ways and places shall be resolved in accordance with the Rutland Department of Public Works regulations, or governing applicable law or bylaw.

2.2 <u>Term</u>

The Franchise and the rights, privileges and authority hereby granted shall be for a term of ten (10) years, commencing on the Effective Date of this Franchise as set forth in subsection 15.11, unless otherwise lawfully terminated in accordance with the terms of this Franchise.

2.3 Franchise Requirements For Other Franchise Holders.

- (a) The Renewal License shall not affect the right of the Issuing Authority to grant to any other person a license or right to occupy or use the streets, or portions thereof, for the construction, installation, operation or maintenance of a Cable Television System within the Town, or the right of the Issuing Authority to permit the use of the public ways and places of the Town for any purpose whatever. Licensee hereby acknowledges the Issuing Authority's right to make such grants and permit such uses. Issuing Authority shall not permit or authorize any person or entity to operate a cable system without a License or franchise, as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 522(9).
- (b) The Issuing Authority agrees that any grant of additional franchises, licenses, consents, certificates or other authorizations by the Issuing Authority to any other Person(s) to provide Cable Services, video services, or other television services utilizing any system or technology requiring use of the public rights of way, shall require that services be provided for the same territorial area of the Issuing Authority as required by this Franchise and shall be competitively neutral and not be on terms and conditions (including, without limitation, the service area, PEG capital grants and the franchise fee obligations) more favorable or less burdensome to the Person(s) of any such additional franchise, licenses, certificates or other authorizations, than those which are set forth herein. If another provider of Cable Services, video services or other television services utilizing any system or technology requiring use of the public rights of way in the Service Area, is lawfully authorized by any governmental entity or otherwise exempt from obtaining a franchise to provide such services Issuing Authority hereby agrees that, upon a request from Licensee, as a matter of law, Licensee's Franchise is modified within thirty (30) days of the granting of such authorization or exemption for the purpose of establishing the same terms and conditions as such Person(s) on a

competitively neutral basis. In the event federal, state or local law, rules or regulations are amended, modified or created that have the lawful effect of modifying the terms and conditions of this Franchise during the Term or any extension thereof, then the parties shall modify this Franchise in such a way that is mutually agreeable to both parties. Licensee shall have the right to terminate this Franchise in the event Issuing Authority and Licensee fail to mutually agree to modifications to Licensee's Franchise within sixty (60) days from the commencement of such modification negotiations.

2.4 Police Powers and Conflicts with Franchise

By executing the Renewal License, the Licensee acknowledges that its rights are subject to the powers of the Town to adopt and enforce general by-laws necessary to the safety and welfare of the public. The Licensee shall comply with all applicable State and Town laws, by-laws, rules, and regulations governing construction within a Public Way. In the event of any conflict between this Franchise and any Issuing Authority ordinance or regulation, apart from the lawful police powers of the Town, materially contradicting the applicable provisions of this Franchise, this Franchise will prevail. This Franchise is a contract and except as to those changes, which are the result of the Issuing Authority's exercise of its general police power, the Issuing Authority may not take any unilateral action, which materially changes the explicit mutual promises in this contract. Nor may the Franchisee take any unilateral action, which materially changes the explicit mutual promises in this contract. Any changes to this Franchise must be made in writing signed by the Licensee and the Issuing Authority.

2.5 Removal or Abandonment

Upon termination of this Renewal License, or of any renewal thereof by passage of time or otherwise, the Licensee shall remove all of its supporting structures, poles, transmission and distribution systems, and other appurtenances from the Public Ways and shall restore the areas to their original condition within six (6) months. If such removal is not complete within six (6) months of such termination, the Issuing Authority may, at its sole discretion, deem any property not removed as having been abandoned.

2.6 Cable System Franchise Required

No Cable System shall be allowed to occupy or use the streets or public rights- of -way of the Service Area or be allowed to operate without a Cable System Franchise and in accordance with state and federal regulations.

3 Franchise Renewal

3.1 Procedures for Renewal

The Issuing Authority and the Licensee agree that any proceedings undertaken by the Issuing Authority that relate to the renewal of the Licensee's shall be governed by and comply with the provisions of Section 626 of the Cable Act, or any such successor statute.

4 Indemnification and Insurance

4.1 <u>Indemnification</u>

The Licensee shall, by acceptance of the Franchise granted herein, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Town, its officers, boards, commissions, agents, and employees against all claims, damages and expenses due to the action(s) of the Licensee, its employees, officers or agents arising out of the construction, installation, maintenance, operation, and/or removal of the Cable System under this Renewal License, including without limitation, property damage or personal injury (including accidental death) that arise out of Licensee's construction, operation, maintenance or removal of the Cable System. In the event any such claim arises, the Town shall tender the defense thereof to the Licensee and the Licensee shall have the right to defend, settle or compromise any claims arising hereunder and the Town shall cooperate fully herein, but the Town shall not be required to incur any financial liability in doing so. If the Town determined in good faith that the Licensee cannot represent its interests, the Licensee shall be excused from any obligation to represent the Town. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Licensee shall not be obligated to indemnify the Town for any damages, liability or claims resulting from the willful misconduct or negligence of the Town or for the Town's use of the Cable System, including any PEG channels.

With respect to Licensee's indemnity obligations set forth herein, Licensee shall, at its own expense, provide the defense of any claims brought against the Town by selecting counsel of Licensee's choice to defend the claim, subject to the consent of the Town, which shall not unreasonably be withheld. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Town from participating in the defense of any litigation by its own counsel at its own cost and expense, provided however, that after consultation with the Town, Licensee shall have the right to defend, settle or compromise any claim or action arising hereunder, and Licensee shall have the authority to decide the appropriateness and the amount of any such settlement. In the event that the terms of any such proposed settlement includes the release of the Town and the Town does not consent to the terms of any such proposed settlement, Licensee shall not settle the claim or action but its obligation to indemnify the Town shall in no event exceed the amount of such proposed settlement.

Indemnification under this provision shall be contingent upon the Issuing Authority giving to a Licensee such reasonable notice as not to prejudice the Licensee's ability to defend the Issuing Authority or Town.

4.2 Insurance

A. The Licensee shall maintain throughout the term of the Franchise insurance in amounts at least as follows:

Workers' Compensation

Statutory Limits

Commercial General Liability

[\$2,000,000] per occurrence,

Combined Single Liability (C.S.L.)

[\$2,000,000] General Aggregate

Auto Liability including coverage

[\$1,000,000] per occurrence C.S.L.

on all owned, non-owned

hired autos Umbrella Liability

Umbrella Liability

[\$1,000,000] per occurrence C.S.L.

- B. The Issuing Authority shall be added as an additional insured to the above Commercial General Liability and Umbrella Liability insurance coverage.
- C. The Licensee shall furnish the Issuing Authority with current certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage.

Performance Bond

The Licensee shall submit and maintain throughout the License a bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the Issuing Authority in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) conditioned on the following terms:

- (1) The satisfactory operation of the Cable System in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 166A §§ 5(a), (m) & (n) and this License.
- (2) The satisfactory restoration of pavements, sidewalks and other improvements in accordance with M.G.L. c. 166A § 5(g) and as approved by the Issuing Authority and Superintendent of Streets of the Town:
- (3) The sightly preservation of trees and the vegetation in accordance with M.G.L..c. 166A § 5(g) and as approved by the Issuing Authority and Tree Warden;
- (4) The indemnification of the Town in accordance with M.G.L. .c. 166A § 5(b);
- (5) The satisfactory removal of the cable system in accordance with M.G.L. .c.166A § 5(f) and within six
- (6) months from the date of lawful notice from the Issuing Authority to so remove the cable system.
- (6) Substantial compliance with material terms of license

Said bond shall be a continuing obligation throughout the entire term of this Renewal License, and thereafter until Licensee has satisfied all of its obligations to the Town that may have arisen from the grant of the Renewal License or from the exercise of any privilege herein granted. In the event that the Town recovers from said surety, Licensee shall take immediate steps to reinstate the performance bond to the appropriate amount required herein. Neither this section, any bond accepted pursuant thereto, nor any damages recovered thereunder shall limit the liability of Licensee under the Renewal License. Recovery by the Town from said surety shall be subject to the provisions of Section 4.1 above. In the event that a performance bond provided pursuant to this Section 4.3 of this Renewal License is not renewed or cancelled, the Licensee shall provide a new performance bond pursuant to this Section 4.3 within thirty (30) days of such failure to renewal the performance bond or cancellation.

5 Subscriber Rights And Consumer Protection

5.1 Customer Service Hours and Telephone Response Service

Licensee shall maintain a publicly listed toll-free telephone number for Subscriber access to customer service representatives and its hours of service shall meet or exceed the F.C.C. definition of normal business hours, see 47 Code of Federal Regulations, §.76.309(c) (4).

5.2 Initial Installation And Service Call Procedures In Wired Areas

Licensee shall provide Cable Service to those residents and businesses whose homes are passed by the Cable System and who have requested service and have paid a deposit for such service, if required, within seven (7) business days of receipt of the request (and any deposit not prohibited by applicable law or regulation) for standard aerial installations, provided that such request for service involves a standard installation. With respect to all installations other than standard installations, Cable Service shall be provided in a reasonable period of time given the circumstances. In arranging appointments for cable installation work or service calls, Licensee shall make its reasonable best efforts to specify to the resident, in advance, whether installation or service will occur in the morning or afternoon hours. Licensee shall make reasonable efforts to install or perform service at convenient times, including times other than 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Failure to install within the above referenced days, or to make a service call as scheduled, without just cause or the fault of the resident or business representative, shall require Licensee to automatically offer a priority cable installation or service call to the affected resident or business at a time mutually agreeable to Licensee and such affected party, but in no case later than three (3) working days following the initial installation or service call date unless mutually agreed to otherwise by the parties.

5.3 <u>Subscriber Solicitation Procedures</u>

Licensee shall provide all prospective Subscribers with complete, clear and concise written information concerning all services and rates upon solicitation or prior to, or at the time of, installation of cable service. Such sales materials shall clearly and conspicuously disclose the price and other information concerning Licensee's lowest cost service tier, prices of optional and Premium Services, privacy policies, availability and price of equipment and billing practices. Nothing herein shall be otherwise construed to limit, restrict or prevent Licensee from marketing, promoting or offering any services provided hereunder in accordance with applicable law.

5.4 Billing Practices Information And Procedures

Licensee shall inform all prospective Subscribers of complete information respecting billing and collection procedures, procedures for ordering changes in or termination of service, and refund policies, upon solicitation of service and prior to the consummation of any agreement for installation of service.

All billing practices and procedures will be governed by the procedures set forth in 207 CMR § 10.00, et seq., as may be amended from time to time.

5.5 Notification Of Rates And Charges

Licensee shall inform the Issuing Authority of all rates and charges of any kind, and all terms or conditions relating thereto. Thereafter, the Licensee shall inform the Issuing Authority of all changes in service, rates and charges of any kind, and all terms and conditions relating thereto in such time and manner as necessary to comply with law and regulations, and to the extent such service charges are under Licensee's control. The Licensee shall notify all Subscribers of any impending rate increases in such time and manner as necessary to comply with law and regulations.

5.6 <u>Disconnected and Termination Of Cable Services</u>

The account of a Subscriber shall be considered delinquent and therefore subject to disconnection only in accordance with Licensee's payment policy and subject to all applicable laws and regulations.

5.7 Response To Service Calls And Service Complaints

Licensee shall meet or exceed F.C.C. Customer Service Standards when responding to all complaint calls or requests for service.

Licensee shall ensure that there are stand-by personnel on-call at all times, including after normal business hours.

Licensee shall respond to System Outages as soon as practicable, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

Nothing herein shall be construed to require Licensee to violate applicable provisions of federal and Massachusetts Law concerning Subscriber privacy.

5.8 Complaint Resolution Procedures

The Licensee shall, in compliance with any applicable law, establish a procedure for resolution of billing disputes and other complaints by Subscribers. Licensee shall provide, on an annual basis, a written description of said procedures, including telephone numbers to call for complaints and other services, to all Subscribers.

If the Issuing Authority determines it to be in the public interest, the Issuing Authority or its designee may investigate any multiple complaints or disputes that are both specific and similar, brought by Subscribers arising from the operations of Licensee, provided Licensee has first been contacted by the Subscriber concerning the complaint.

In the event that the Issuing Authority finds a pattern of multiple specific and similar unresolved subscriber complaints, the Issuing Authority may request appropriate and reasonable amendments to Licensee's procedures for the resolution of complaints.

5.9 Change Of Service

Upon notification by a Subscriber to disconnect or downgrade a Basic or Premium Service, the Licensee shall cease and/or adjust said Subscriber's monthly service charges immediately or as of the Subscriber's specified disconnect or downgrade date.

5.10 Employee And Agent Identification Cards

All of Licensee's employees and agents entering upon private property, in connection with the construction, installation, maintenance and/or operation of the Cable System, including repair and sales personnel, shall be required to carry an employee photo identification card issued by Licensee.

5.11 <u>FCC Customer Service</u>

Licensee shall comply with the FCC Customer Service Standards (47 C.F.R. § 76.309). The Town may, upon written request, receive a quarterly report of Licensee's telephone statistics in order to measure Licensee's compliance with reasonable telephone standards. Should the Town, in writing, request clarification of Licensee's telephone report, Licensee shall, upon invitation by the Town, schedule a meeting with the Town to review said report and advise the Town what measures are being employed by Licensee to meet a reasonable telephone response standard.

5.12 Protection Of Subscribers Privacy

Licensee shall respect the rights of privacy of every Subscriber and/or User of the Cable System and shall not violate such rights through the use of any device or signal associated with the Cable Television Service, and as hereinafter provided. Licensee shall have the right to take reasonable steps to avoid the unauthorized reception, use or interception of any of Licensee's services, including, but not limited to, prohibiting and removing any unauthorized instrument, apparatus, equipment or device, which is designed, adapted, intended, or used to receive, use, intercept or fraudulently obtain any of Licensee's services, in violation of law or any of Licensee's rights under this License or any other agreement or instrument, and nothing in this paragraph shall be construed or is intended to limit, restrict or interfere with Licensee's right to secure its system and to offer services only to duly authorized customers.

Licensee shall comply with all privacy provisions contained in applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 551 (Section 631 of the Cable Act).

5.13 Parental Control/Remote Control Devices/Television Antennas

Licensee shall allow Subscribers to purchase remote control devices from parties other than Licensee. Upon request, and at no separate additional charge, Licensee shall provide customers with the capability to control or lock out the reception of any channel on the Cable System. Such a parental control capability may be part of a converter box. Licensee shall not remove television antennas of subscribers.

5.14 No Discrimination

Licensee shall not deny service, deny access, or otherwise discriminate against Subscribers, channel users, or general citizens on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability or sex. Licensee shall comply with all federal and State laws and regulations concerning non-discrimination.

5.15 Offices, Phone

Licensee shall maintain a toll-free telephone number and a phone service operated such that complaints and requests for repairs or adjustments may be received at any time.

5.16 Notification of Service Procedures and Rates/Charges

Licensee shall furnish each Subscriber at the time service is installed, written instructions that clearly set forth information concerning the procedures for making inquiries or complaints, including Licensee's name, address and local telephone number. Licensee shall give all Subscribers and the Issuing Authority thirty (30) days prior notice of any rate increases, channel lineup or other substantive service changes.

The Licensee shall inform the Issuing Authority of all rates and charges of any kind, and all terms or conditions relating thereto. Thereafter, the Licensee shall inform the Issuing Authority of all changes in service, rates and charges of any kind, and all terms and conditions relating thereto in such time and manner as necessary to comply with law and regulations, and to the extent such service charges are under Licensee's control. The Licensee shall notify all Subscribers of any impending rate increases in such time and manner as necessary to comply with law and regulations.

5.17 Polling By Cable

No poll or other upstream response of a Subscriber or user shall be conducted or obtained unless the program of which the upstream response is a part shall contain an explicit disclosure of the nature, purpose and prospective use of the results of the poll or upstream response, unless the program has an informational, educational function which is self evident. Licensee or its agents shall release the results of upstream response only in the aggregate and without individual references.

5.18 <u>Information With Respect To Viewing Habits And Subscription</u>

Licensee or its agents or its employees shall not make available to any third party, including the Town, information concerning the viewing habits or subscription package decisions of any individual Subscriber except as required by law.

5.19 Subscriber's Right to Inspect and Verify Information

Licensee shall make available for inspection by a Subscriber at a reasonable time and place all personal Subscriber information that Licensee maintains regarding said Subscriber.

A Subscriber may obtain from Licensee a copy of any or all of their personal Subscriber information regarding him or her maintained by Licensee at no charge. Licensee may require a reasonable fee for making said copy.

A Subscriber may obtain from Licensee a copy of any or all of the personal Subscriber information regarding him or her maintained by Licensee. Such corrections and related inquiries about the handling of Subscriber information shall be directed to Licensee's General Manager at the address given in Section 15.3.1.

Nothing in this Section 5.19 shall diminish any obligations or rights provided pursuant to applicable federal or state law or regulations.

5.20 Voluntary Disconnection of Service

Subscribers who request disconnection of Cable Service shall not be billed for service subsequent to such request for termination of service. Licensee shall make a good faith effort to fully disconnect service as soon as possible after requested to do so by a Subscriber. Any credit due to Subscriber upon full termination of service shall be paid to Subscriber of credited against any outstanding balance within thirty (30) days.

5.21 Monitoring

Neither Licensee or its agents shall tap or monitor, arrange for the tapping or monitoring, or permit any other person to tap or monitor except when required by law, any cable, line, signal, input device, or Subscriber outlet or receiver for any purpose, without the prior written authorization of the affected Subscriber or commercial use; provided, however, that Licensee may conduct system wide or individually addressed "sweeps" solely for the purpose of verifying system integrity, checking for illegal taps, controlling return-path transmission, or billing for pay cable services or pay-per-view. Licensee shall report to the affected parties and all appropriate authorities in writing any instances of monitoring or tapping of the Cable Television System, or any part thereof, of which it has knowledge, whether or not such activity has been authorized by Licensee. Licensee shall not record or retain any information transmitted between a Subscriber or commercial use and any third party, except as required for lawful business purposes. Licensee shall destroy all Subscriber information of a personal nature after reasonable period of time except as authorized not to do so by the affected Subscriber. Nothing in this Section 5.21 shall diminish any obligations or rights provided to Subscribers pursuant to applicable federal or State law or regulations.

6 Service Availability

6.1 Service Area

The Licensee shall make Cable Service distributed over the Cable System available to all residents of the Town within seven (7) days of a request; provided, however, that (i) all such homes are on the Public Way or a Private Way (ii) such Public Ways or Private Ways can be accessed by Licensee from a Public Way without crossing a Town boundary; and (iii) to the extent that Licensee shall require easements, attachment to utility poles or other rights not granted herein, then such easements, attachments or other rights are available to Licensee on reasonable terms and conditions. Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude Licensee from charging a fee to any Subscriber or potential Subscriber for a standard or non-standard installation, as may be applicable. The Licensee may elect to provide Cable Service to areas not meeting the above standard. Licensee retains full ownership rights and interest in all portions of its Cable Television System, including, but not limited to, converters that it leases to subscribers, the Distribution Plant, the Cable Drops, the Outlets, the Subscriber Network, and the Trunk and Distribution System, as authorized in accordance with applicable law.

6.2 Standard Drops

- (a) Installation costs shall conform with the 1992 Cable Act, and regulations thereunder. Any dwelling unit within 150 aerial feet of the Cable System distribution plant shall be entitled to a standard installation rate, and the additional costs associated with completing installations located more than two hundred and fifty (250') feet from the Cable System distribution plant shall be charged to the Subscriber, after provision of a written itemization, on a cost of labor and materials basis only.
- (b) the Licensee will provide service to all areas with an average of 25 homes per aerial mile or greater without contribution in aid of construction by subscribers; In cases of a request for service not meeting the above criteria, the Franchisee will extend service to prospective subscribers who are willing to contribute to the cost of construction in accordance with the formula C/LE CA/P = SC where C equals the cost of construction of new plant; CA equals the average cost of construction per mile in the primary service area; P equals the minimum number of dwelling units per mile which would require the Franchisee to provide service in the primary service area; LE equals the number of dwelling units requesting service in the line extension area; SC equals subscriber contribution-in-aid of construction in the line extension area.
- (c) Whenever a potential subscriber located in a line extension area requests service, the Franchisee shall, within 30 days of the request, conduct a survey to determine the number of potential subscribers located in the line extension area and shall inform each of the potential subscribers of the contribution-in-aid of construction. During a three year period commencing with initiation of service to a particular line extension, a pro-rated refund shall be paid to previous subscribers of said extension as new subscribers are added to the extension. The amount of such refund, if any, shall be determined by application of the SC formula each time a new subscriber is added. The refunds shall be paid annually to subscribers, or former subscribers entitled to receive them.

6.3 New Development Underground

In cases of new construction or property development where utilities are to be placed underground, the Issuing Authority agrees to require as a condition of issuing a permit for open trenching to any developer or property owner that such developer or property owner give Licensee at least thirty (30) days prior notice of such construction or development, and of the particular dates on which open trenching will be available for Licensee's installation of conduit, pedestals and/or vaults, and laterals to be provided at Licensee's expense. Licensee shall also provide specifications as needed for trenching. Costs of trenching and easements required to bring service to the development shall be borne by the developer or property owner; except that if Licensee fails to install its conduit, pedestals and/or vaults, and laterals within five (5) working days of the date the trenches are available, as designated in the notice given by the developer or property owner, then should the trenches be closed after the five-day period, the cost of new trenching is to be borne by Licensee.

6.4 Commercial Establishments

The Licensee shall make cable services available to any commercial establishments in the Town, which are located on the residential Subscriber Network, subject to the Licensee and each commercial establishment reaching a reasonable agreement regarding the terms and costs of initial installation and service which may or may not differ from the terms and costs that apply to residential Subscribers. It is herein acknowledged that certain programming services may not be available to commercial establishments, or may be available only upon certain terms and conditions, pursuant to law or the Licensee's agreements with its program suppliers.

7 Construction and Technical Standards

7.1 Compliance with Codes

All construction practices and installation of equipment shall be done in accordance with all applicable sections of the National Electric Safety Code.

7.2 Construction Standards and Requirements

All of the Licensee's plant and equipment, including but not limited to the antenna site, head-end and distribution system, towers, house connections, structures, poles, wire, cable, coaxial cable, fixtures and appurtenances shall be installed, located, erected, constructed, reconstructed, replaced, removed, repaired, maintained and operated in accordance with good engineering practices and performed by experienced maintenance and construction personnel.

7.3 Safety

The Licensee shall at all time employ ordinary care and shall use commonly accepted methods and devices preventing failures and accidents, which are likely to cause damage. All plant and equipment shall be kept and maintained in a safe and suitable condition and in good order and repair. Licensee shall comply with all applicable "dig-safe" provisions, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 40.

7.4 Network Technical Requirements

The Cable System shall be operated so that it is capable of continuous twenty-four (24) hour daily operation, capable of meeting or exceeding all applicable federal technical standards, as they may be amended from time to time, and operated in such a manner as to comply with all applicable FCC regulations.

7.5 <u>Performance Monitoring</u>

Licensee shall test the Cable System consistent with the FCC regulations.